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(U) Birchville - Officials Report 13 Firefighters Injured Battling Rices Wildfire

(U) At least 13 firefighters were injured battling a wildfire burning in Northern California's Nevada County, officials said. The Rices Fire, which prompted evacuations in Nevada County, has so far burned through at least 904 acres, destroying at least one structure, according to data published by Cal Fire. At least 373 personnel were involved in fighting the fire, Cal Fire said. As of Thursday, at least 13 had suffered heat-related injuries. The severity of their injuries is still unclear. SOURCE: 1 July 2022, NBC News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas - Four Migrants Killed in Crash During Suspected Human Smuggling Incident

(U) Encinal – At least four migrants were killed, and two others were in critical condition in Encinal, Texas, in what authorities have described as a deadly human smuggling incident. A vehicle carrying the migrants crashed with a commercial trucking vehicle. A smuggling suspect who drove them was airlifted for medical attention. US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said in a statement that the vehicle was traveling north of Laredo and failed to yield to border agents before it crashed.

SOURCE: 30 June 2022, NBC News

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(U) Kentucky – Authorities Arrest Man Accused of Killing Two Officers, Shooting Six Others

(U) Floyd County – A Floyd County man is accused of killing two police officers and shooting six more people during a barricade situation. Lance Storz was arrested after an hours-long standoff. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department says deputies were trying to serve a domestic violence order at Storz's home Thursday night around 6 pm when he opened fire. An arrest citation says eight people had been shot by the time Storz was arrested. Seven of the people shot were officers. Two of those officers died. SOURCE: 1 July 2022, WXKQ

(U) New Jersey - Nine People Shot, Including One Teen, in Apparent Drive-By Shooting

(U) Newark – A total of nine people were shot, including one teenager, in what appeared to be a driveby shooting in Newark. Four adult victims and a 17-year-old showed up at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center with gunshot wounds. Four other adult victims were taken to University Hospital, also for gunshot wounds. All nine victims are reportedly in stable condition, according to officials. Newark officials say there is a vehicle of interest, a white Honda Pilot that was stolen out of Jersey City. The incident is under investigation.

SOURCE: 30 June 2022, ABC 7

(U) New York - US Adds 'Cryptoqueen' to Most-Wanted List Over Alleged \$4 Billion Fraud

(U) Manhattan – A German citizen accused of defrauding investors out of \$4 billion by selling a fake cryptocurrency called OneCoin has been added to the FBI's list of its ten most-wanted fugitives. Ruja

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Ignatova, also known as "Cryptoqueen," was charged in 2019 with eight counts including wire fraud and securities fraud for running the Bulgaria-based OneCoin Ltd as a pyramid scheme. Prosecutors say the company offered commissions for members to entice others to buy a worthless cryptocurrency. The FBI is offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to Ignatova's capture.

SOURCE: 30 June 2022, Reuters

(U) New York – Authorities Seize 250-Pounds of Drugs Worth \$24 Million in Stash-House Raid

(U) New York City — Authorities raided a drug stash house in the Bronx, seizing 250-pounds of illegal narcotics worth about \$24 million. The drugs seized from the apartment in the Mount Hope section included heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, crystal meth, and tens of thousands of fake pills. Julio Mota Plasencia, 39, was arrested and charged with operating as a major trafficker after the multi-agency investigation. According to the criminal complaint, agents and officers found a gym bag in a closet with 50,000 to 75,000 blue, counterfeit pills stamped "M-30," a common notation on oxycodone pills. These pills are believed to contain fentanyl.

SOURCE: 29 June 2022, ABC 7

(U) Tennessee – Molotov Device, Vandalism Found at Pregnancy Center

(U) Nashville – Federal and local authorities are investigating an overnight attack on a pregnancy counseling center in Nashville, where a window was left smashed with an un-ignited Molotov cocktail device found inside. The Hope Clinic for Women in Nashville has been in operation since 1983. The Christian pregnancy center provides pregnancy testing, counseling and parenting classes and works to steer women and girls away from abortions. The words "Janes Revenge" was sprayed outside the brick building, the news release said. Reports of similar anti-abortion pregnancy centers being vandalized since the Supreme Court ruling have emerged in Colorado, Virginia and Florida.

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SOURCE: 30 June 2022, Tennessee Lookout

(U) Nigeria – Over 300 Boko Haram, ISWAP, Fighters Surrender to Nigerian Army

(U) Borno – More than 314 fighters of the Boko Haram and the Islamic State's West Africa Province, ISWAP, have surrendered to Nigerian troops in Bama Local Government Area of Borno Stat following the ongoing offensive against the terrorists in the Northeastern part of the country. The troops also rescued about 12 farmers who were abducted by the terrorists.

SOURCE: 30 June 2022, Daily Post

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